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In the Application of:

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BARBARA HAVILAND MINOR ET AL.

CASE NO.: FL-1068 US NA

APPLICATION NO.: 10/010,187

GROUP ART UNIT: 3744

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EXAMINER: JOHN R. HARDEE

FOR: REFRIGERANT COMPOSITIONS
CONTAINING A COMPATIBILIZER

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.102(c)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The applicant received a status update, dated January 31, 2003, stating that examination of the above referenced application was estimated to begin in 5 to 8 months.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.102(c), which states:

"A petition to make special may be filed without a fee if the basis for the petition is the applicant's age or health or that the invention will materially enhance the quality of the environment or materially contribute to the development or conservation of energy resources,"

Further, MPEP 708.02 IV indicates that an applicant of 65 years of age, or more, may have an application made special without the payment of a fee. Walter Mahler, an inventor on this application, is 73 years old. Attached hereto, is a statement signed by Walter Mahler attesting to his date of birth.

Accordingly, Applicant hereby requests that the above referenced application be accorded special status on the basis of applicant's age.

Respectfully submitted,

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